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✓ 1. The DCI talked with Sen. Ferguson regarding the CIA budget presentation and other matters. In connection with the former, Sen. Ferguson stated that he did not wish to proceed on the CIA budget until Cong. Taber had completed action on the House side. He did not give any firm indication as to what type of Committee action he might take. The Senator appeared to be extremely receptive to the possibility of placing our reserve on a "no year fund" basis. He inquired as to our personnel ceiling and asked if there was any possibility of cutting under that ceiling. The Director stated that he was always trying to reduce personnel, but could not make any firm commitment to go under our proposed ceiling.

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✓ Sen. Ferguson asked whether we ~~were~~ proposed to do anything concerning a building, and the DCI informed him that we were requesting no funds for this purpose. Sen. Ferguson approved this position as he said it would be unwise to ask for such funds this year.

The DCI mentioned to Sen. Ferguson the rumors concerning possible investigations of CIA, and Sen. Ferguson indicated that there was not much likelihood of any such investigation.

The DCI mentioned to Sen. Ferguson that Sen. Mansfield was circulating a new version of his proposed bill for a Joint Committee on Intelligence, and the Senator stated that Mansfield had approached him as a possible co-sponsor of the Resolution, but that he had declined.

The DCI did not take up with Sen. Ferguson S. 3067, introduced by Sen. Ferguson, a bill to require that international agreements other than treaties be transmitted to the Senate within 30 days of execution.

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2. Sen. Prescott Bush (R., Conn.) called the DCI to ask whether he should become a co-sponsor of the Mansfield Resolution to set up a Joint Committee on Intelligence. The DCI indicated that we were not opposing such a Resolution, but I believe has the impression that Sen. Bush will not co-sponsor it.

3. In connection with Item 1 of the Journal of 4 March, Mr. Adams, Counselor of the Department of the Army, has made certain comments to me which are the subject of an Eyes Only memorandum this date.

4. Sen. Knowland has called the DCI to state that Sen. Mansfield is circulating a new version of his bill to establish a Joint Congressional Committee on Intelligence, including certain revisions arising out of conversations with the DCI. In particular, the number of members of the Committee has been reduced to 10 to meet the objections as to size. Sen. Knowland asked to talk with the DCI concerning his position on this measure, but due to an emergency meeting with Gen. Gruenther, Senator Knowland could not meet his appointment, and we returned to CIA without seeing him.

5. Sen. Douglas has introduced S. J. Res. 131 (Congressman Rodino H. J. Res. 457) to authorize the Secretary of State to formulate and place into operation a program for sending freedom messages and small packages of food into the satellite countries

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